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In re application of:  
Jenkins, Steven R.

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For: A WEB-ENABLED TRANSACTION AND  
MATTER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Examiner:

In response to the Office action mailed July 5, 2002, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 15 as follows:

308 C17 1. (Amended) A method of implementing a collaborative management application, the method comprising:

logging on to the collaborative management application;

configuring an appearance of the collaborative management application; and

viewing, adding, or modifying items of information pertaining to one or more clients;

wherein said configuring further comprises:

31 specifying identifying information for a client;

specifying information for at least one matter of the client, wherein the at least one matter conceptually links a plurality of related items and the specified information is applicable to each of the plurality of items;

selecting a component in connection with all matters of the client;

specifying at least one category for the component;

identifying a user group for the client, the user group comprising a set of users having some level of authorization with respect to matters of the client;